

REMEDATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR May 12, 2004

REGISTER NOW FOR SOUTH CENTRAL REGION CONSULTANT DAY

South Central Region will hold its Remediation & Redevelopment Consultant Day on June 3, 2004, at the Lussier Family Heritage Center. The deadline to register is May 20. The agenda, registration form and a map are on the RR Program's internet calendar at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/general/calendar/scr_consultant_days_2004.pdf. Guest speakers will include Rita Kidd, mayor of Richland Center, discussing multiple brownfield grants the city is using to accomplish for redevelopment. The agenda also includes several case closure topics and an update on the Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Fund. The fee for the day is \$10, including lunch. If you have questions, please contact Eric Michaels at 608-275-3336, or at Eric.Michaels@dnr.state.wi.us.

WEST CENTRAL REGION CONSULTANT DAYS CONCLUDE MAY 25 & 26

The two final Consultant Days presented by West Central Region's RR staff will be May 25 at the UW-Stevens Point University Center, room 207, 1015 Reserve Street and May 26 at the DNR Service Center in La Crosse, 3550 Mormon Coulee Road. The sessions are free but registration is required. Please see the agenda and registration form at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/general/calendar/wcr_agenda.pdf. These sessions run from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Mae Willkom at 715-839-3748, or Mae.Willkom@dnr.state.wi.us.

ANNUAL WGWA CONFERENCE IS FRIDAY, MAY 14

The annual conference of the Wisconsin Ground Water Association is in Wisconsin Dells on Friday. The agenda includes invited speakers from the legislature, DNR, and the University of Wisconsin, with a focus on Wisconsin's new groundwater quantity law, Wisconsin Act 310. Conference abstracts are at <http://www.wgwa.org/conference/abstracts.pdf>. You may register at the door for \$60 (\$50 for members), the registration fee includes lunch.

SAG GRANT RULE CHANGES GO TO NRB IN MAY

Proposed changes to Chapter NR 168, Wis. Adm. Code, which governs the Site Assessment Grant (SAG) program, will be presented to the Natural Resources Board (NRB) for adoption at their May 25-26 meeting. The changes clarify the grant process and address questions that have arisen in administration of the grants. If adopted by the NRB, the new rules will be sent to the Legislature for review. The rule as drafted prior to public hearings is on the web at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/wi_regs/index.htm#anchor74198. Minor changes as a result of the public hearings will be posted after NRB members receive copies of those changes for their review. For more information on the SAG program, please see <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/sag.htm>. If you have questions, please contact Michael Prager at 608-261-4927, or at Michael.Prager@dnr.state.wi.us. We are currently reviewing the 105 applications received in the fifth round of SAG funding, totaling more than \$4 million in requests. \$1.7 million is available this fiscal year, and another \$1.7 million will be available next year. Applications are being reviewed under current SAG rules.

REVISED CASE CLOSURE FORM IS COMING

The RR Program is completing revisions to form #4400-202, the Case Summary and Close Out Form. The changes are intended to clarify the information required on the form, making it easier for consultants to complete and easier for RR staff to review. One addition to the form is a space for "acres ready for use". DNR will begin to collect this information to satisfy requirements of a federal grant that supports some of our staff, as well as to put our cleanup and redevelopment accomplishments in terms easily understood by the public. For the sake of simplicity, we are measuring only the acreage of the property on which contamination originated and not including adjacent properties that a contaminant plume may have impacted. The definition of "acres ready for use" will be included on the revised form. If you have questions about the case closure form, please contact Jane Lemcke at 608-267-0554 or at Jane.Lemcke@dnr.state.wi.us. If you have

questions about "acres ready for use", contact Laurie Egre at 608-267-7560 or at Laurie.Egre@dnr.state.wi.us.

GIS REGISTRY MAP SIZE IS IMPORTANT TOO

In addition to the GIS Registry reminders in the April 27 "RR News", http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/general/listserve/04/04_27_04.pdf, we'd like to remind consultants that RR staff have been receiving maps that are larger than the 8-1/2"X14" size limit defined in Chapter NR 726 for GIS Registry submittals. We are not equipped to scan these oversize maps, and completing a case closure by adding a site to the Registry gets delayed while staff try to obtain properly sized maps. This problem can be avoided by sending the proper size map with the GIS Registry packet, or by sending the GIS submittal in an electronic format. Information about electronic submittals is in publication RR-690, Guidance for Electronic Submittals for the GIS Registry of Closed Remediation Sites at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR690.pdf>. The checklist of items to include in GIS submittals is in publication RR-688, the Checklist of Documents for GIS Registry Packet, at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR688.pdf>. The checklist is also included with the closure request form, #4400-202. Maps submitted for case closure review without addition to the GIS Registry may be larger than those submitted with the GIS Registry packet.

GOVERNOR DOYLE ANNOUNCES NEW MARKETS TAX CREDITS

Wisconsin has secured \$100 million in New Markets federal income tax credits from the U.S. government, based on an application from the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA). The funds will be distributed over 7 years by a public-private partnership, and will promote investment in distressed areas, including historic preservation, low-income housing, commercial development and brownfields. For more information on WHEDA's small business programs, grants, or home loans, call 1-800-334-6873 or visit www.wheda.com. The Governor's press release regarding the tax credits is available at http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/pressreleases_detail.asp?prid=538

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